

Abstract

Provided is a weft knitting machine having movable sinkers capable of securing a large space at a needle bed near a knitted fabric knitting area and making a pause in the state of stopping action on the knitted fabric knitting area. A sinker operation cam mechanism (10) installed in a carriage acts on the butt (12c) of a sinker jack (12) to move the sinker jack (12) backward from a needle bed gap (2) so that an operation portion (8c) of the movable sinker (8) can retract from the needle bed gap (2). The sinker jack (12) is interlocked at a backward position by an interlock mechanism (16). Since a wire (17) passed through a needle plate (5) is utilized to interlock the sinker jack (12) in the interlock mechanism (16), the interlock mechanism (16) can be reduced in size. To interlock the sinker jack (12) to the wire (17), the sinker jack (12) has a protrusion (12f).